



April 3, 2002

To the Honorable Harry T. Edwards and the Ad Hoc Committee of Federal Appellate Judges:

The leaders and members of NALP are pleased to endorse the *Plan for Law Clerk Hiring* as described in the March 2002 *Final Agreement of Federal Appellate Judges*, calling for a moratorium on federal appellate law clerk hiring during the Fall of 2002. We share the judges' conviction that this is a viable solution to a complex problem.

NALP will actively encourage its member schools and employers to comply with the terms of the *Final Agreement* in a unified effort to support the new plan. Specifically, NALP will join the Deans of law schools nationwide in discouraging applications for clerkship positions before the Fall of the third year of law school. This effort will require the special support of NALP career services members in law schools, but just as importantly, the support of legal employers – all of whom will be asked to refrain from contacting judges or writing recommendations for applicants.

NALP commends all who participated in crafting this plan and is pleased to lend active support to its full and successful implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irena McGrath".

Irena McGrath
2001-2002 NALP President